

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 24-28 are pending in this Application.

Claims 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Onuma (JP 02-131226).

With this response, claim 25 is amended.

II. Comments

With this response, claim 25 is amended to include:

“... a lens circuit board, wherein said lens circuit board controls said lens device, and wherein said lens circuit board is connected with said camera interface board through a serial communication line”.

As described at least on page 10 lines 1-24 of the specification, with this feature it, for example, becomes possible to make the circuit board 3 detachably attached. Accordingly, for example, the problem caused by the numbers of connector 7 of both the lens device and a plurality of cameras, which exists at the combination therebetween, can be solved by replacing the circuit board 3.

In Fig. 2 of the reference “Onuma”, a calculation process circuit 3 has functions similar to the camera interface board 9 and the circuit board 3 of the present invention. Accordingly, for example, with the above problem caused by the numbers of connector 7, the calculation process circuit 3 cannot be displaced. The calculation process circuit 3 in Fig. 2 is used for controlling the exchangeable lens body 10, and therefore it cannot be detached.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 24-28 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4527. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

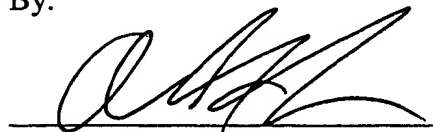
Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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